

I have been a subscriber to XM Radio for the past 10 months. Since my original subscription to the service, I have bought three additional receivers and a new vehicle with an XM radio factory installed in it. I don't listen to any other radio stations except for occasional local sporting events. For this convenience, I pay a monthly service charge and am glad to do it. The quality of the product, the variety of programming, and NOW having the capability to listen to local weather and traffic anytime I need to, makes this radio service the only way to go in my opinion. And to think, I can listen to the same variety anywhere I travel in the United States. It is TRUE audio entertainment when we travel on trips in our automobiles. There's no fading of stations after a couple of hours, no wondering where I can look for traffic or weather information. If you haven't tried XM's satellite service, you can't imagine what you're missing.

So...now that we have such a wonderful mode of audio services in our automobiles and homes, what does the NAB want to do....squash it, if they can. The fact that probably less than 2% of any metro population subscribes to the service at this point in time is probably not what NAB is worried about. It's the future...just like movie rentals and VCRs was going to be the end of movie theaters ...that's what the NAB is worried about. Of course, that didn't happen and neither will having a satellite radio service offering local weather and traffic cause local radio stations to lock their doors. They're still going to continue making money selling advertisements to gum up their "programming", regardless of whether XM or Sirius continue to offer their services.

Just as "buying" satellite tv services because I don't want to see a commercial every 5 minutes or so during a movie, I'll continue to support XM radio rather than bow to the local AM and FM stations that spend more time selling advertising than they do supplying entertainment. I'll continue to spread the word that NAB's petition 04-160 should be defeated when it comes up for a vote.

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